LONG BEACH ARSONIST

July 2, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:00)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Lopez reports live from one of the 14 arson scenes in Long Beach, after a night of seemingly endless fires there. Alarms at fire stations sounded off the hook, all for fires set deliberately. Now the hunt is on for whoever did this.

BOMB THREAT

July 2, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:55)

KCAL9 reporter Serene Branson reports live from LAX with the latest on our top story at two and streaming live on the web. Breaking news from LAX, as traffic grinds to a halt outside Terminal 3 after a man makes a bomb threat.

COLOMBIA HOSTAGES

July 4, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:00)

KCAL9 reporter Hari Sreenivasan reports that three Americans held hostage in the Colombian jungle for years are getting reacquainted with family, friends and freedom, this 4th of July. Colombian Generals tricked the kidnappers into freeing the hostages, by posing as international aid workers.

AMBER ALERT ANNOUNCEMENT

July 6, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:05)

KCAL9 reporter Suzie Suh reports live from Mission Viejo with the very latest on the investigation, after a nationwide Amber Alert is over. Nine-year-old Ryan Ramos of Orange County has been found alive and well in Mexico. However his father remains at large.

PHOTOGRAPHER ARREST

July 8, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:34)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Dave Lopez reports live from Newport Beach with details on how a well-known magazine photographer faces some serious charges this afternoon. Newport Beach Police arrest 33-year-old Jason Ellis after the girl told her family the pair had sex.

FREEWAY SHOOTINGS

July 9, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:35)

KCAL9 reporter Kaj Goldberg reports live from Sun Valley with more on the breaking news—a traffic mess on the 170 as authorities investigate reported shots fired at a CHP officer.

ONTARIO HOME INVASION

July 14, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:25)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Greg Mills reports live from Ontario with details on a brazen attempted robbery that leaves a woman recovering this afternoon after the would-be robber shot her in the back. It happened right in front of her home in Ontario.

OC WATER METER THEFTS

July 16, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:37)

KCAL9 reporter Kaj Goldberg reports live from Lake Forest with the story of how a man is in jail tonight, after hundreds of brass water valves were stolen from various construction sites. The brass regulators are used in conjunction with fire sprinklers.

WOMAN KILLED

July 20, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:21)

KCAL9 reporter Suzie Suh reports live from San Dimas, where the peace and calm of a neighborhood was shattered after a woman was found murdered in her home. We are live at the scene with details on the investigation.

MISSING CHILDREN

July 21, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:45)

KCAL9 reporter Lisa Sigell reports live from Reseda, where she spoke exclusively with the mothers of three missing boys. Tonight there's an urgent search for the three boys, as detectives believe two fathers hatched an elaborate travel scheme to cover up their true plans of running off with their sons.

HOME INVASION

July 24, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:36)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Beth McDade reports live from Riverside with the latest on how Riverside Police are looking for a man who sped away from a violent home invasion this afternoon. Two armed men burst into a house near UC Riverside, shots were fired and one of the intruders was killed.

STABBED DRIVER

July 28, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:07)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Dave Lopez reports live from Santa Ana with details on our top story at noon. Police say that a violent attack happened early this morning in Santa Ana, and it was just one part of a string of crimes that started with the suspect stealing the car.

COUPLE ABUSERS ARRAIGN

July 31, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:02)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Dave Lopez reports live from the Fullerton Courthouse with more on an Anaheim man and his wife who are facing more than 60 felony charges, all involving disturbing allegations of child abuse against their children.

DEPUTY KILLED NIGHT

August 2, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:56)

KCAL9 reporter Suzie Suh reports live from downtown L.A. with the latest on our top story. A hunt for a cop killer tonight after an off-duty L.A. County Sheriff's Deputy is gunned down outside his parents' home.

TACO BELL SHOOTING

August 3, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:37)

KCAL9 reporter Lisa Sigell reports live from Sun Valley, where she talked to the girlfriend of a 16-year-old boy who was gunned down. He was a high school football player who was helping his single mother raise his six siblings.

ROCKEFELLER SAN MARINO

August 5, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:47)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Beth McDade reports live from San Marino with the story of how there may be a California connection to a Massachusetts man accused of kidnapping his daughter.

WESTMINSTER KIDNAPPING ATTEMPTS August 7, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:40)

KCAL9 reporter Mary Beth McDade reports live from Westminster with a warning f or women in Orange County. Two times in the past three weeks, a man has tried to kidnap women walking alone in Sigler Park late at night.

LYNWOOD BARRICADE

August 11, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:48)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Mecham reports on a violent standoff in Lynwood. A father held his two-year-old daughter hostage, while a SWAT team tried to take control.

DEVORE BODY IN TRUNK

August 14, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:38)

KCAL9 reporter Kristine Lazar reports live from near Devore, where there was a chilling discovery in the desert—the remains of a man buried in a box. Detectives say the only people who might have the answers are also dead.

GIRL FINDS BABY

August 16, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:25)

KCAL9 reporter Suzie Suh reports live from Laguna Nigel where a young girl found a newborn baby abandoned in a dumpster. Now the 38-year-old mother faces attempted murder charges.

CHILD PORN ARREST

August 19, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:53)

KCAL9 reporter Serene Branson reports live from downtown L.A. with details on the investigation. 55 men across Southern California have been charged in a child pornography sting. One of the suspects is a Sheriff's Deputy, another is an attorney.

LONG BEACH HOMICIDE

August 21, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:35)

KCAL9 reporter Michele Gile reports live from Long B each where a senior citizen was found murdered in her own backyard. Authorities say it looks like she struggled with her killer.

ARREST GRIFFITH PARK

August 23, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:52)

KCAL9 reporter Melissa McCarty reports live from Griffith Park with details on how an accused arsonist is behind bars tonight. Investigators believe he's responsible for a series of suspicious fires at Griffith Park, the latest one just this afternoon.

OBAMA PLOT

August 25, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:30)

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reports that authorities have a tight hold on three men, a woman and two high-powered rifles tonight, as they investigate a possible plot to kill Barack Obama later this week in Denver.

ONTARIO SEXUAL ATTACK

August 27, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:39)

KCAL9 reporter David Goldstein reports live from Ontario with details on the investigation into the incident of a frightening walk to school for a young girl today. She was groped by a man who rand down an alley, jumped in a van and drove away.

OXNARD BANK SUSPECT

August 31, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:26)

KCAL9 reporter Melissa McCarty reports that officers had the suspect cornered for the murder of a bank customer, but then shots were fired and the suspect got away.

INGLEWOOD OIS PROBE

September 1, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:17)

KCAL9 reporter Melissa McCarty reports that for the fourth time in four months, an Inglewood policeman has been involved in an officer-involved-shooting. This time a homeless man is the victim. Community activists are speaking out and more investigations are underway.

MAN SHOT BY TAGGERS

September 3, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:48)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Greg Mills reports live from Fontana, where a father took matters into his own hands when he saw taggers vandalizing the area. But then the taggers turned the table and went after him.

ASHES FOUND IN BARN

September 5, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:35)

KCAL9 reporter Serene Branson is the first reporter on the story of how authorities went to the Palmdale home on an animal abuse case, but instead found the remains inside boxes. And the cemetery where they came from has had problems in the past.

COLLEGE CAMPUS ATTACK

September 8, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:45)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Mecham reports that a campus is on alert this afternoon, prompted by three attacks at a Southland college. The attacks all happened in the past year and now there is a warning for students to be on guard.

TRAIN CRASH

September 13, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:36)

KCAL9 reporter Randy Paige reports as part of our live team coverage, with details on the investigation. The NTSB has not officially commented on the cause of the crash. L.A. County Supervisor and Metrolink board member Don Knabe says it's too early to blame the engineer.

YOUTUBE ENGINEER

September 13, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:37)

KCAL9 reporter Kristine Lazar reports live from Chatsworth, as part of our live team coverage, that today, KCAL-9 news learned disturbing information about the train engineer—his friends spoke to us exclusively, and told us they received a text message from him, a minute before the crash.

CYPRESS SEXUAL ASSAULT

September 16, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:14)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Dave Lopez reports live from Cypress with details on a man accused of sexually assaulting a woman who was chased away by a mob. The incident happened at a department store in Cypress.

HEADSTONES STOLEN

September 16, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:21)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Suzie Suh reports live from Cypress with details on how police are trying to track down thieves who stole dozens of copper headstones from the storage area of an Orange County cemetery. They even tried to cash some of them in at a recycling center.

USC STABBING

September 18, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:56)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reports live from Exposition Park with the latest on a shocking crime near USC's campus—a film student was stabbed to death overnight.

U.S. EMBASSY ATTACK

September 19, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:32)

KCAL9 anchor Rick Chambers reports that a young woman from New York is now confirmed among the dead from a terror attack in Yemen. Yesterday's assault just outside the U.S. embassy left nine other people and six attackers dead.

BABY IN DUMPSTER

September 19, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:35)

KCAL9 reporter Sharon Tay reports live from Long Beach where police are trying to find out who left the body of a toddler in a garbage dumpster. We speak with the man who found the dead child.

SPEAKING OUT

September 22, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:21)

KCAL9 reporter Cater Lee reports that state and federal investigators continue to look into possible child sexual abuse at a religious compound in Arkansas. That compound is run by Pastor Tony Alamo, a controversial minister with ties to California. He speaks to Cater Lee and says he's done nothing wrong.

BARRICADED WOMAN

September 24, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:33)

KCAL9 reporter Melissa McCarty reports on breaking news in Monrovia, where there is a barricade situation regarding a woman who says she's armed with a shotgun. Police say she's upset about mounting bills and losing her home.

OC EMBEZZLEMENT

September 24, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:54)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Suzie Suh reports live from Los Alamitos with details on a woman whose job was to balance the books for a children's crisis center... but tonight prosecutors say she cooked the books, and swindled 450-thousand dollars from the shelter, then showered herself in luxury.

IRVINE CHILD PREDATOR

September 26, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 0:40)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzalez reports that police in Irvine are hunting for a predator who targeted a ten-year-old girl while she was on her bike outside her home. She was able to get away, but now they need your help to get him off the street.

STREET RACERS BUSTED

September 28, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:15)

KCAL9 reporter Glen Walker reports that more than 180 people were arrested in a major bust on illegal street racing in Ontario. 74 cars were impounded and more than 100 officers from seven different departments took part in the raid.

7-11 ROBBERIES

September 29, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:45)

KCAL9 Ventura County reporter Amy Johnson reports live from Oxnard with the latest on how an armed robber is on the loose in Ventura County, and he's been targeting convenience stores.

CAMPAIGN MCCAIN LATIN AMERICA July 1, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 4:07)

KCAL9 Political reporter Dave Bryan reports that tonight Republican John McCain is taking his campaign on the road less traveled by American presidential candidates. He has flown to Latin America, where he's talking about free trade.

OBAMA IRAQ STANCE

July 2, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:45)

KCAL9 reporter Jessica Yellin reports that Iraq has been the centerpiece of Democratic Presidential hopeful Barack Obama's campaign for change. He's pledged to get America's troops out of Iraq quickly.

ELECTION 2008

July 3, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:16)

KCAL9 Political reporter Dave Bryan reports that a new flip-flop charge tops tonight's Election 2008 coverage. Barack Obama struggled to explain how his upcoming trip to Iraq and meetings with top U.S. Generals would affect his plans to withdraw American troops.

VILLARAIGOSA INTROS

July 8, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:52)

KCAL9 anchor Rick Chambers reports that Senator Barack Obama addressed a convention of one of the nation's largest Latino groups. And he was introduced by L.A. Major Antonio Villaraigosa.

CAMPAIGN 2008

July 10, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 2:19)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that in Election 2008, it's a day of eating one's words. The campaigns of both Senators Barack Obama and John McCain found themselves deflecting controversial comments made by others.

BUSH VISITS NOCAL FIRES

July 17, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:33)

KCAL9 reporter Cater Lee reports that President Bush is expected any moment in Northern California, where he will see for himself the damage caused by some of the world wildfires in state history.

SCHWARZENEGGER GLOBAL WARMING July 13, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:52)

KCAL9 reporter Juan Fernandez reports that California's governor was back on the Sunday morning news programs talking about global warming. Arnold Schwarzenegger has become well-known for his environmental advocacy.

OBAMA AFGHANISTAN

July 19, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:47)

KCAL9 reporter Lara Logan reports that Democratic Presidential candidate Senator Barack Obama is in Afghanistan tonight—his first visit to that country. He's already met with troops and Afghani officials near the Tora Bora Mountains, an area many believe is the hiding place of Osama Bin Laden.

PET TRUST FUNDS

July 23, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:14)

KCAL9 reporter Serene Branson reports that your pet may not have pockets, but California cats and canines could soon have plenty of money to fill them if they did. Governor Schwarzenegger has signed a new law that enforces 'pet trusts' set up by animal owners.

GOVERNOR BUDGET

July 24, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:05)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reports on a big protest in downtown L.A. today, after Governor Schwarzenegger threatens to drastically cut the wages of tens of thousands of state workers, due to the fact that Sacramento still hasn't come up with a state budget.

ARNOLD TRANSFATS

July 25, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 0:35)

KCAL9 reporter Stacey Butler reports that California became the first state in the nation to outlaw trans-fat in every restaurant. Governor Schwarzenegger today banned oils, margarines and shortening that contain artery-clogging trans fats.

POLITICS QUAKE

July 29, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 3:05)

KCAL9 Political reporter Dave Bryan reports that from L.A. to Sacramento to London, where L.A. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa is on vacation, local and state officials were relieved today's earthquake did not inflict a higher toll.

GOV. STATE WORKER PAY

July 30, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:47)

KCAL9 Political reporter Dave Bryan reports that hundreds of thousands of California state workers are bracing for the worst, in the wake of the budget crisis in Sacramento. Governor Schwarzenegger is set to sign an executive order resulting in statewide layoffs and wage cuts.

STATE WORKER WOES

August 2, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:43)

KCAL9 reporter Melissa McCarty reports live from Brentwood that preparations are underway tonight for a giant protest tomorrow. State employees are set to picket Governor Schwarzenegger's Mandeville Canyon compound, because he ordered pay cuts and some job cuts.

CAMPAIGN ENERGY PLANS

August 4, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:49)

KCAL9 Political reporter Dave Bryan reports that Election '08 is all about energy today, specifically oil drilling, gas prices and how to end our reliance on foreign oil.

GOVERNOR VETO

August 6, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 0:36)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reports that a frustrated Governor Schwarzenegger increases pressure on lawmakers. The Governor is vowing to veto all bills sent to him until the state budget is passed.

EDWARDS

August 8, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:17)

KCAL9 Political reporter Dave Bryan reports that the tabloids dogged John Edwards for months and today, he confessed. The former Presidential candidate admitted having an affair with a woman who produced videos for him.

GEORGIA CONFLICT

August 10, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:38)

KCAL9 reporter Stacey Butler reports that President Bush today strongly condemned the conflict between Russia and the country of Georgia. He said Russia's crackdown is unacceptable. Thousands have reportedly been killed in Georgia since the fighting started Friday.

GEORGIA INVASION

August 11, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:28)

KCAL9 Political reporter Dave Bryan reports on a crisis in Georgia tonight as Russian forces push deep into the country. But the big questions are how far will they go, and will the rest of the world take action?

ARNOLD GREEN GOVERNOR

August 14, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:58)

KCAL9 reporter Sharon Tay reports that Governor Schwarzenegger wants California to go green. The Governor held a 'Green Gala' tonight at Universal Studios.

OBAMA MCCAIN

August 16, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:40)

KCAL9 Political reporter Dave Bryan reports that an Orange County church was center stage for Senators John McCain and Barack Obama tonight. They sat down with the influential pastor of Saddleback Church to answer questions on faith and leadership.

POLITICS RUNNING MATES

August 18, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 3:03)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reports that the Democratic National Convention is just around the corner, and the RNC right after that. The pressure is on for both presumptive nominees to pick a running mate.

V.P. CANDIDATES

August 22, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:00)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reports that the speculation about who will be Obama's V.P. is reaching a fever pitch. The Democratic Presidential candidate will notify the world via text message and e-mail some time before a rally tomorrow.

DNC CONVENTION BEGINS

August 25, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 2:08)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reports that the Democrats standing to make history when they nominate Senator Barack Obama as their candidate for president. But their main focus is on unity, and trying to convince the country that their choice for President is the best choice.

WHO IS PALIN

August 29, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:24)

KCAL9 reporter Stacey Butler reports that when John McCain added the Alaska Governor to the Republican ticket today, many Americans asked, "Who is she?" Tonight we're learning more about the 44-year-old mother of five who may become our nation's first female Vice President.

PROTEST RAID RNC

August 30, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:20)

KCAL9 reporter Terri Okita reports from the Twin Cities tonight, looking at convention preparations. The Republican National Convention starts Monday and police have already launched a preemptive raid on demonstrators gathering in Minnesota.

RNC MONDAY WRAP

September 1, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:09)

KCAL9 reporter Teri Okita reports that while Gustav pounded the gulf, Vice Presidential contender Sarah Palin found herself in a storm of controversy. On day one of the Republican Convention, John McCain's running mate confirmed that her 17-year-old daughter is pregnant.

GOP CONVENTION

September 3, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:41)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reports that Vice Presidential candidate Sarah Palin gets to state her case, as day three of the Republican National Convention kicks off. Palin has come under fire since being chosen as John McCain's running mate, and tonight she'll get to fire back.

ARNOLD SLAMS LAWMAKERS

September 3, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:55)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that a frustrated Governor Schwarzenegger is slamming both Democratic and Republican lawmakers over the budget mess. He's criticizing them for collecting per diem checks and vacationing at political conventions as the stalemate drags on.

RNC WEDNESDAY WRAP

September 3, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 3:01)

KCAL9 Political reporter Dave Bryan reports that tonight the Republican Convention officially nominated Senator John McCain to be the party's Presidential nominee. But the performance of Sarah Palin may have surprised a lot of folks as she faced down her critics and took on Barack Obama.

POLITICS FRIDAY

September 5, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 2:32)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reports that the Presidential candidates have preached to the party faithful, and now it's time for them to rally for every undecided voter, on both sides of the political aisle.

ARNOLD RECALL PLAN

September 8, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:14)

KCAL9 reporter Hank Plante reports that the latest casualty of California's ongoing budget crisis could be the Governor. Schwarzenegger has become the target of a recall effort.

BARACK CAMPAIGN

September 13, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:10)

KCAL9 reporter Dean Reynolds reports the latest from the campaign trail. Barack Obama has been feeling the heat all week, and now he is fighting back. But it is enough to get his campaign on track again?

TRAIN TEST

September 16, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:36)

KCAL9 reporter David Goldstein reports live from Chatsworth, as part of our live team coverage on the Metrolink investigation. Los Angeles City Council President Eric Garcetti and state Senator Diane Feinstein are each pushing for a new law requiring train safety control systems on all railroad tracks.

ELECTION '08

September 18, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:56)

KCAL9 reporter Chip Reid reports that Barack Obama recaptured his lead in the polls, thanks in part to a growing focus on the nation's economic woes.

CAMPAIGN TAXES FIGHT

September 18, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 4:51)

KCAL9 Political reporter Dave Bryan reports that John McCain and Sarah Palin engaged in a series of bitter back-and-forth exchanges with Barack Obama and Joe Biden on the most intense day of the race so far.

POLITICAL NOTEBOOK

September 19, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:56)

KCAL9 Political reporter Dave Bryan reports a look ahead with out political notebook. This weekend the candidates will travel to a handful of battleground states. The crisis on Wall Street and proposed bailout are expected to dominate both their agendas.

ELECTION '08 / ECONOMICS

September 22, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:14)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reports on how the two Presidential candidates are handling all this economic news. Today they both said there has got to be strict oversight in how hundreds of billions are spent to fix the financial markets.

CANDIDATES/FINANCIAL CRISIS

September 22, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:34)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reports that the two Presidential candidates are weighing in with their ideas on how to solve the financial crisis.

POLITICS AND ECONOMY

September 24, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 2:32)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reports as part of our live team coverage, with the latest. Not only does John McCain want to postpone the debate, he's not asking Barack Obama to suspend campaigning, due to all the market mayhem.

BUSH BAILOUT SPEECH

September 24, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:13)

KCAL9 reporter Sharon Tay reports a blunt warning from President Bush tonight. We're headed for a "long, painful recession" if the nation's financial crisis isn't fixed immediately. He said the 700-billion dollar rescue plan being debated is needed to save the entire economy.

TEXTING WHILE DRIVING

September 24, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:34)

KCAL9 reporter Kristine Lazar reports that if you drive and text, be prepared to quit cold turkey come New Year's Day. A new law is closing the loophole on texting while driving.

ELECTION '08 FRIDAY

September 26, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:22)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reports the latest on the ever-changing campaign developments. First, John McCain said he would not attend tonight's Presidential debate if there was no bailout deal. Now, he will participate.

FIRST DEBATE

September 26, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:05)

KCAL9 reporter Drew Levinson reports that Barack Obama left for Mississippi not knowing if his opponent would show up for the debate. But John McCain reversed his decision to stay in Washington to work on the economic bailout plan. Tonight, the two clashed over a variety of issues ranging from the crisis on Wall Street to foreign policy.

CONSUMER & ECONOMICS

FOOD SAFETY EXPERT

July 2, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:42)

KCAL9 reporter Suraya Fadel reports that there has been another food scare—a beef recall at Ralph's supermarket because of an E. coli breakout.

FORECLOSURES QUADRUPLE

July 2, 10-11 pm newscast (TRT 3:00)

KCAL9 reporter Suzie Suh reports that the mortgage mess is hitting L.A. County harder than any place in the country. Foreclosures have nearly quadrupled, leaving borrowers with billions of dollars of mortgage debt and no place to call home.

BUYING IN BULK

July 3, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:05)

KCAL9 reporter Chris Kline reports on the idea of being able to 'lock in' today's gas prices, even if they climb higher in the future. And you wouldn't have to be a Wall Street investor to do it.

ECONOMIC PLANS

July 5, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:58)

KCAL9 reporter Michelle Miller reports that economic issues have surged ahead of the Iraq war and health care to the top of the list of voter concerns. Both Barack Obama and John McCain are now offering detailed economic plans.

NITROGEN TIRES

July 7, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:53)

KCAL9 reporter David Goldstein reports that with gas prices so high, one local car dealer says it has come up with an easy solution to stretch your gas dollar. It claims it's environmentally-friendly and will save wear on your tires.

ENERGY PRICES

July 9, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:44)

KCAL9 reporter Dorothy Tucker reports that it's hard to think about heating your home when the temperature outside is in the triple digits. But experts say it could be just as painful as filling up your gas tank, because the cost of natural gas is also going up.

FOOD IMPORT WARNING

July 10, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:54)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reports that from tainted tomatoes to recalled beef, some of the fresh food we eat can be unsafe. But there's also a hidden risk in other foods many of us buy at the grocery store, because many items have ingredients that come from overseas.

MONEY 101

July 16, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 2:15)

KCAL9 reporter Bob McCormick reports that there was some good news on the economy today with lower oil prices and higher stock prices. And one long-standing savings option is getting a lot more attention.

ECONOMY TODAY

July 18, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:03)

KCAL9 reporter Bob McCormick reports an update on what a difference a week makes. Last Friday, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac were on the brink, stocks were at a two-year low and oil prices were at record highs..

BIG BANKS

July 21, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 3:20)

KCAL9 reporter Bob McCormick reports on how investors are laserfocused on the country's financial system. He explains how news from any big bank will trigger reaction.

GROCERY PRICES

July 22, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 2:02)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Lopez reports that grocery stores are having a harder time keeping any low prices guaranteed. Even the low-cost supermarkets can't escape rising gas and food prices.

RICH SPENDING

July 26, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 4:10)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Phillips reports that the troubled economy is not having a major impact on the lifestyles of the rich. People with plenty of money are still spending on luxury items but some are finding alternative places to put their assets instead of banks.

HOUSING BILL

July 30, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:55)

KCAL9 reporter Bob McCormick reports that a new mortgage loan package won't stop foreclosures, but it could help hundreds of thousands of homeowners.

IS YOUR BANK SAFE?

July 31, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:05)

KCAL9 reporter Bob McCormick reports that we've seen the run on IndyMac when it failed. Everyone is wondering if their banks are safe. We offer some answers to questions you've probably been asking.

TOY SAFETY

August 2, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:20)

KCAL9 reporter Nancy Cordes reports that consumer advocates are applauding a new toy safety bill coming out of Congress. We take a look at the landmark legislation and how it came about.

AIR TRAVEL FEES

August 3, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:12)

KCAL9 reporter Bob McCormick reports that if you've booked a flight lately, you know ticket prices are skyrocketing. There are so many new fees, it can be confusing, so we clear the air.

FORECLOSURE EVICTION

August 4, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:45)

KCAL9 reporter Melissa McCarty reports live from Van Nuys with the story of how in the economic meltdown, families are facing eviction. It can be a harsh reality, with deputies pounding on the door to force people out.

STOLEN CREDIT INFORMATION

August 6, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:56)

KCAL9 reporter Bob McCormick reports that 40 million Americans are finding out if their credit information has been stolen. It's the biggest identity theft case in American history.

GAS PRICES DROP

August 8, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:57)

KCAL9 Ventura County reporter Amy Johnson reports that although it seems strange, many are having a sigh of relief now that they are finding gas for under four dollars a gallon. And today one analyst predicts we could see \$3.50 gas by Labor Day.

LIBRARY ECONOMY

August 11, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:00)

KCAL9 reporter Bill Whitaker reports that the economic woes experienced by thousands of American families have people looking for places to go that don't cost a lot of dough.

OLIVES IN MARTINIS

August 13, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 0:32)

KCAL9 reporter Sharon Tay reports that bartender may soon think twice about giving away extra olives with those martinis. Olive prices are expected to go up as California growers say they've had the second smallest harvest in more than a decade.

STORES CLOSING

August 14, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:41)

KCAL9 Ventura County reporter Amy Johnson reports big changes in Thousand Oaks, where two big retailers are calling it quits—Mervyns and Linens & Things. However all the news is not bad.

REAL ESTATE NUMBERS

August 18, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:36)

KCAL9 reporter Randy Paige reports the latest on the real estate trends. Mixed developments today in the home mortgage crisis, as sales in Southern California are up for the first time in several years. But prices continue to drop.

FASHION & ECONOMY

August 21, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:56)

KCAL9 Entertainment reporter Christina McLarty reports on what we can expect on store shelves. In two weeks, fashion designers will unveil their new collections in New York. But the economic slump has put many Americans in a gloomy mood, and that's being reflected in the new clothes.

CHANGING INGREDIENTS

August 25, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 reporter Randy Paige reports that with food prices going up, some food companies are trying to save money where you might not realize it—by changing the makeup of their ingredients.

REAL ESTATE

August 29, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:20)

KCAL9 reporter Bob McCormick reports that more homes are selling in the Valley and elsewhere in the Southland. But prices are falling. He offers the full update on real estate.

BALANCE BILLING

August 30, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:58)

KCAL9 reporter Wyatt Andrews reports that we've heard a lot this election season about the millions of Americans without health insurance, but even people with insurance are being stuck with whopping medical bills. He explains a controversial practice called 'balance billing'.

THRIFT STORE SALES

September 1, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:41)

KCAL9 reporter Amy Johnson reports that although family budgets are tighter than ever, you don't need to spend a lot of time clipping coupons to get a good value. She discovered one local store where business is booming.

MONEY 101 QUESTIONS

September 3, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 5:30)

KCAL9 reporter Bob McCormick reports that if you are curious about the new mortgage modification law that takes affect in a few short weeks, we will be taking your questions about that live, on air.

99 CENTS SOMETIMES

September 5, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 2:19)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Dave Lopez reports that the "99 cent only" store chain confirms that for the first time in more than 25 years, it will have to raise its prices above the 99-cent mark.

NEW PARKING ADVANCE

September 6, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:15)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Malkoff reports that finding a place to park at the mall is one of life's frustrating experiences. But a new high-tech system is trying to ease the pain. It's the first of its kind here in the U.S., and it's right here in Southern California.

FANNIE MAE AND FREDDIE MAC

September 8, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:06)

KCAL9 reporter Bob McCormick reports that the U.S. government is taking extraordinary steps to save the nation's two largest mortgage companies. We have the story about the impact of the move on borrowers and the economy as a whole.

RENTER INSURANCE

September 6, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:53)

KCAL9 reporter Bob McCormick reports you may not know this but if you are a renter, you should have insurance. It helps to protect you and your important belongings, and he explains everything you need to know about renter's insurance.

RECESSION-PROOF JOBS

September 8, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:52)

KCAL9 reporter Bob McCormick reports that with unemployment rising and jobs getting harder to find, there is some good news to report. Lots of qualified people are still needed in jobs that are recession-proof.

MOBILE PHONE SUMMIT

September 11, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:41)

KCAL9 reporter Rich Demuro reports live from Santa Monica from an unusual meeting regarding how we can do a lot with our cell phones besides just talk. Some technology wizards want to do even more, and figure out how to use them to promote social change.

LEHMAN BROTHERS

September 15, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:17)

KCAL9 reporter Bob McCormick reports the latest on one of the biggest weekends ever on Wall Street. It's what's being called a double-fisted blow in Wall Street—Lehman Brothers has filed for bankruptcy and Merrill Lynch will be sold to Bank of America.

METRO CRASH

September 15, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 6:08)

KCAL9 reporter Stacey Butler reports the very latest information on the Metrolink crash investigation, including how the NTSB says all the signals on the Metrolink track were working properly at the time of Friday's collision, and that investigators also say conditions in the area, including the track, weather and visibility were all normal.

MORTGAGE RATES

September 16, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:45)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Greg Mills reports that the Federal Reserve decided today to keep interest rates where they've been since Spring. While the move doesn't help homeowners, one expert says it doesn't hurt them either.

DTV COUPONS

September 16, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:22)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reports that the government is expanding a coupon program to help ease the transition to digital television next year. People who live in nursing homes and who have P.O. boxes will now get coupons for free digital converter boxes. After February 17th, 2009, all T.V. stations must stop broadcasting analog signals.

LEXUS LANES

September 22, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:16)

KCAL9 reporter John Zarrella reports that if you're stuck in rush hour traffic, would you shell out a few extra bucks to hop into a faster moving lane? Many metro areas are creating that option and facing a lot of criticism.

MARKET BAILOUT

September 24, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 2:05)

KCAL9 reporter Bob McCormick reports a major development— Republican Presidential candidate John McCain has asked Barack Obama and the Debate Commission to postpone Friday's first presidential debate so that the two Senators can deal with the economic crisis.

FREEWAY SIGNS

September 24, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:50)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Malkoff reports that one minute you may see an Amber Alert sign, the next minute it may be a movie ad. California is strapped for cash—so strapped that it may allow message signs to double as billboards.

OC WAMU

September 26, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:17)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Dave Lopez reports live from the Washington Mutual branch in Lake Forest on how Southland customers are taking the news of our economy in crisis.

LOCAL WACHOVIA REACTIONS

September 29, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:37)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Mecham reports that the widening financial crisis has claimed another financial giant this afternoon. Wachovia Bank, which has a big presence here in Southern California, is being absorbed by Citigroup.

MISSING MONEY

September 29, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:12)

KCAL9 reporter Bob McCormick reports that you may be missing some money, but possibly are not even aware that you have money coming. There are many places to go hunt down your property, and he offers the information on tracking down and retrieving what you own.

BAILOUT FAILS

September 29, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:00)

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reports that today's stunning House defeat of a 700-billion dollar plan caused shock waves on Wall Street. Stocks suffered their worst one-day loss ever, plunging nearly 800 points.

FEWER LOANS?

September 29, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:03)

KCAL9 reporter Juan Fernandez reports live from Tarzana on the 700-billion dollar bailout and the 777-point drop on Wall Street. The numbers are big, but for many people this credit crisis will boil down to one question: "Can I still get a loan?"

COUNTERFEIT COUPONS

September 30, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 2:00)

KCAL9 reporter Cater Lee reports advice on how consumers can avoid becoming victims of counterfeit coupons. The trend is actually on the rise, and that could leave some shoppers holding the bag.

COMMUNITY & MINORITY ISSUES

FOOD DRIVE

July 1, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:25)

KCAL9 reporter Suraya Fidel reports that KCAL-9 and CBS-2 are kicking off our "Stop Summer Hunger" program. We're teaming up with "MEND" food bank to feed Southern Californians.

OC FIREWORKS DISPLAY

July 2, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:35)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Michele Gile reports that folks in Huntington Beach are preparing for their biggest party of the year. The annual 4th of July celebration attracts hundreds of thousands of people. We take a look at what's in store for the big day.

POOL SAFETY

July 8, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 2:30)

KCAL9 reporter Randy Paige reports that with temperatures reaching into the triple digits, families are taking advantage of backyard and community pools. But a pool can be a dangerous place.

CHURCH CONTROVERSY

July 11, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 2:05)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reports that the Catholic Church is caught in a controversy this afternoon over the sale of a well-known local arts building. Self-help Graphics has been part of the East L.A. community for 30 years, and many wonder why its home is being sold.

TOP PLACES TO LIVE

July 13, 10-11 pm newscast (TRT 0:41)

KCAL9 reporter Juan Fernandez reports that we're learning tonight which cities are on Money Magazine's list of the Top Places to Live. The places were ranked for good schools, safe streets and a sense of community.

FOOD DRIVE

July 14, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:29)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reports that we need your help to fight hunger in Southern California. KCAL-9 is teaming up with "MEND", the San Fernando Valley's largest food bank. You can donate non-perishable food items throughout the month at any participating Ralph's in the San Fernando Valley.

HYDRATE FOR HEALTH

July 15, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:15)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Dave Lopez reports that it's a message we've all heard before—stay hydrated in hot weather. Sometimes people don't realize how important that is until it's too late. Now one community is getting the word out to young people.

SD GAY PRIDE

July 19, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:30)

KCAL9 reporter Sharon Tay reported on the annual Gay Pride Parade and Festival this weekend in San Diego. Hundreds of thousands turned out for the parade honoring same-sex couples. The theme of the festival in Balboa Park this year is "Live, Love, Be."

TEACHER LOST

July 19, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:26)

KCAL9 reporter Lisa Sigell reports live from Santa Monica High School, where friends and family are mourning the loss of a young English teacher.

HISTORIC FIG TREE

July 20, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:39)

KCAL9 reporter Juan Fernandez reports that L.A. has a new historic monument and it's alive. A hundred-year-old fig tree is a cultural symbol for one community. It stands 60 feet tall in the heart of Little Tokyo and was only about six-feet tall when members of the Koyasan Buddhist Temple posed under it in 1920.

BANNING FAST FOOD

July 22, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 0:36)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that there won't be any new fast food restaurants going up in South L.A. The L.A. City Council has unanimously approved a fast food ban, to be in effect for one year and covering a 32-square-mile area of South L.A.

HATE CRIME REPORT

July 24, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 0:28)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzalez reports that new figures released this morning show that hate crime is at a five-year high in Los Angeles County, even though overall crime has dropped. The most common hate crimes were motivated by race and committed against African Americans.

NEW PARK SERVICE DAY

July 26, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:42)

KCAL9 reporter Juan Fernandez reports a big celebration today for the grand opening of a new downtown park, the first in more than 100 years. The ten-acre Vista Hermosa Natural Park has hiking trails, a playground and a soccer field. Today's grand opening coincided with Mayor Villaraigosa's Community Day of Service around L.A.

FAST FOOD MORATORIUM

July 30, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 0:36)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reports that the L.A. City Council has approved a temporary ban on new fast food restaurants in one part of the city. The area encompassing West Adams, Baldwin Hills and Leimert Park has the highest concentration of fast food restaurants in Los Angeles.

INTERNATIONAL AIDS CONFERENCE

August 4, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:38)

KCAL9 anchor Rick Chambers reports that the international community is focusing on the AIDS epidemic this week. Delegates including former President Bill Clinton have gathered in Mexico City to discuss the crisis.

MINORITIES IN L.A.

August 7, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 0:40)

KCAL9 reporter Cater Lee reports that L.A. County has the nation's largest percentage of minority residents, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. About three quarters of the seven-million people living in L.A. County belong to a racial or ethnic minority. We are also home to the country's largest Latino, Asian and American Indian populations.

CALL TO ACTION

August 12, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 0:55)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reports on a call to action today after a series of deadly shootings in a south L.A. neighborhood. Today, police and community leaders asked for help from 'cruisers' who might have witnessed the shootings.

CITY OF HOPE

August 14, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 2:47)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reports that we're just one day away from the "Think Cure" radio telethon. She offers details on how you can get involved, and also the story of a woman who is living proof that cancer research is making a big difference.

CENSUS POPULATION

August 14, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:41)

KCAL9 reporter Sharon Tay reports that brand new figures from the U.S. Census Bureau show that white Americans will no longer be the majority by 2042. Hispanics are expected to triple, to make up nearly a third of the populace, and Asians nearly doubling.

CAMARILLO AIR SHOW

August 15, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:37)

KCAL9 Ventura County reporter Amy Johnson reports live from Camarillo where aviation enthusiasts are in for a spectacular show this weekend as the Air Expo takes flight.

TUNNEL DRILL

August 20, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:38)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Greg Mills reports live from San Bernardino with details on how a mega "mole" has bored through the ground in the San Bernardino Mountains. But it's not a gigantic rodent, it's a drill machine that plays an important role in bringing water to Southern California.

AFRICAN AMERICAN CHIEF DEPUTY

August 20, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:35)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzalez reports an honor today for a member of the L.A. County Fire Department. He's now the first African-American Chief Deputy in the department. Daryl Osby received his promotion today. He joined the department 24 years ago.

IMAGEN AWARDS

August 21, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:30)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reports that it was a big night for the entertainment industry to honor Latinos in film and television. The Imagen Awards, now in its 23rd year, recognize the positive portrayal of Latinos in the media. They also encourage Latino representation at all levels of the entertainment industry.

DRIVE-IN CHURCH

August 25, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:36)

KCAL9 reporter Steve Hartman reports that you can "honk if you love the Lord" at one church—that's how believers shout their praise there.

'GIGANTE' TAKEOVER

August 25, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 0:36)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that the Latino supermarket chain 'Gigante' has gone from giant, to gone. The chain has been taken over by someone bigger: 'El Super'. The Southland's seven 'Gigante' stores will reopen tomorrow as 'El Super'.

MARTIN LUTHER KING SPEECH

August 28, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:49)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reports that today is a historic day. Tonight Barack Obama will become the first African-American to run for President as a major party candidate. And it was on this date in 1963 that civil rights leader Martin Luther King gave his "I Have A Dream" speech.

MLK TRIBUTE

August 28, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:45)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reports that today is a day steeped in history. Exactly 45 years ago, civil rights leader Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., delivered his "I Have A Dream" speech in Washington.

IE HELPS GUSTAV

September 1, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:54)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Greg Mills reports that help is urgently needed along the gulf coast in the wake of the storm, and relief efforts are underway right here in the Southland, where local firefighters are gearing up to help out.

FICUS BATTLE

September 3, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:43)

KCAL9 reporter David Goldstein reports that protesters take a stand against city work crews in Santa Monica, where they're angry that workers are removing ficus trees.

L.A. COUNTY FAIR

September 5, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:50)

KCAL9 reporter Kristine Lazar reports live from the Fairplex in Pomona, where all kinds of fabulous food and fun activities are a quick car ride away this weekend. It's the first weekend of the L.A. County Fair.

9/11 NEW YORK CITY

September 11, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 3:25)

KCAL9 reporter Karen Brown reports from New York, on the ceremonies there as well as Washington, D.C. and across the country, marking the seventh anniversary of September 11th.

L.A. CITY MEMORIAL

September 11, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:36)

KCAL9 reporter Serene Branson reports live from Elysian Park on how Los Angeles city leaders, members of the fire and police departments and the military, all set aside time this morning to remember the victims of 9/11.

EL GRITO CELEBRATION

September 15, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:32)

KCAL9 Entertainment reporter Christina McLarty reports live from Huntington Park, on a festive way to celebrate a red letter date in Mexican history. "El Grito" commemorates the country's 'battle cry' for independence almost two centuries ago.

RESCUER'S REUNION

September 15, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:45)

KCAL9 reporter Josh Rubenstein reports live from the crash site, as part of our live team coverage, with a heartwarming reunion. A man had rescued an injured woman from the Metrolink crash and then made sure to call her anxious husband to tell him what happened. KCAL-9's Josh Rubenstein found the rescuer and introduced him to the woman's grateful husband.

GUARDIAN ANGELS

September 18, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:15)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Dave Lopez reports that there were many acts of heroism after last week's Metrolink crash. Some survivors say they feel they had guardian angels. And a new religion study says many Americans do believe in guardian angels.

METROLINK VIGIL

September 18, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:53)

KCAL9 reporter Sharon Tay reports live on the emotional evening, where people are remembering the victims tonight. In Moorpark, friends and families have gathered for a candlelight vigil in honor of two teenagers killed in the Metrolink crash almost a week ago.

ROUTE 66 RENDEZVOUS

September 19, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:12)

KCAL9 Entertainment reporter Christina McLarty reports live from downtown San Bernardino, where folks are getting their kicks at the "Route 66 Rendezvous". The classic car show draws thousands each year, and we take a look at some of the festivities.

VOTER REGISTRATION/DODGERS

September 19, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:24)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reports that at Dodger Stadium tonight, fans were stepping up to the plate for this year's big election. Voter information and registration booths were set up throughout the ballpark and many people were able to volunteer as election workers as well.

L. RON HUBBARD WAY

September 22, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:47)

KCAL9 reporter Kirk Hawkins reports live on how a group of neighbors in Hollywood say the Church of Scientology has taken over their street. They say the church's weekly events are not only loud, but many times security guards won't even let them drive into their own home.

SOUPKITCHENS HIT HARD

September 24, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 2:35)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Michele Gile reports that the financial fiasco is a recipe for disaster for soup kitchens. They've been hit hard and they're struggling to help those who need the most assistance.

SMALL BUSINESSES

September 28, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:14)

KCAL9 reporter Randall Pinkston reports that many Americans have found out the hard way it's a bad time to get a loan. Some of the hardest people hit are owners of small businesses. But most are optimistic the bailout plan will help them out.

ROSH HASHANAH BEGINS

September 29, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 0:17)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reports that Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish new year, begins at sunset tonight. Rosh Hashanah will usher in the year 5769 on the Jewish calendar. It starts a ten-day period of penitence and contemplation leading to Yom Kippur, Judaism's day of atonement.

NEWMAN FAMILY SPEAKING OUT September 29, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:17)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reports that Paul Newman's family is talking about his legacy as they continue to grieve his death. Newman devoted the latter part of his life to his charitable work in Southern California and around the world. Tonight his daughter says helping others is the best way to honor her father.

SPAY NEUTER LAW

September 30, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 0:50)

KCAI9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reports that beginning tomorrow, most dogs and cats in the city of Los Angeles will have to be spayed or neutered by the time they are four months old. The five-year plan is expected to result in the sterilization of a half million pets in L.A.

MAYOR SANTEE HIGH SCHOOL

July 2, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 0:48)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reports that it's the first day of school for some L.A. students. The schedule change is part of L.A. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa's plan to reform public schools.

KOBE YOUTH CAMP

July 2, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:10)

KCAL9 reporter Gary Miller reports that today Kobe was back home to host his second annual Youth Basketball Camp at Loyola Marymount University.

BABY SWIM LESSONS

July 4, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:53)

KCAL9 anchor Suzanne Rico reports that many of us are spending the July 4th holiday weekend by the pool. And many parents are taking extra steps to keep their kids safe, with swimming lessons for kids less than a year old.

KIDS AND CHOLESTEROL

July 7, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:46)

KCAL9 reporter Drew Levinson reports that a group of pediatricians is recommending that young overweight children should be given adult drugs now, to keep their cholesterol in check and help prevent future health problems.

TEEN DATING VIOLENCE

July 8, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:48)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzalez reports that a report from 'Teenage Research Unlimited' states that nearly half of 11 to 14-year-olds in relationships know friends who have been verbally abused by a girlfriend or boyfriend, and one in five 13 to 14-year-olds say they know peers who have been physically abused by a girlfriend or boyfriend.

CHEATING SCANDAL

July 8, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:48)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Dave Lopez reports that two high school students face a judge today. They're accused of taking part in a scheme to hack into their school's computer system to change grades. The teens said they wanted to improve their chances of getting into the colleges of their choice.

CHILDREN/POOL SAFETY

July 9, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:52)

KCAL9 anchor Rick Chambers reports that the heat means parents need to be extra vigilant around pools. Each year, young children die, often in the family swimming pool. It's the leading cause of death in children under five.

L.A.'S BEST MURAL

July 10, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:30)

KCAL9 anchor Rick Chambers reports on a colorful celebration today, of the after-school enrichment program known as, "L.A.'s Best". This is the program's 20th year helping local kids stay away from crime and gangs.

YOUTH SOCCER TEAM HONORED July 15, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 0:52)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reports big honors for a South L.A. youth soccer team. Today the L.A. County Board of Supervisors recognized Team F.C. Barcelona's Memorial Day win against the Stampede Legends.

DROPOUT RATES

July 16, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 0:38)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that a new high-tech tool lets California track the dropout rate for high school students. And the numbers, according to the state superintendent, are disturbing.

CIVIL RIGHTS MONUMENT

July 21, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:36)

KCAL9 reporter Juan Fernandez reports that a monument has gone up to honor high school students who walked out of class and into the history books. The memorial at Virginia's state capitol commemorates the students and families who helped end segregation in schools.

KIDS IN CAR WARNINGS

July 25, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:00)

KCAL9 reporter Stacey Butler reports that kids and cars can be a deadly combination even when they're not moving. The Child Care Resource Center launched an effort today called the "Matter of Minutes" campaign, to educate people.

SCHOOLS REOPEN

July 29, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:24)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that Cal State Fullerton closed today after the earthquake. School officials tell us all buildings have been inspected and the campus will reopen for classes tomorrow. Citrus College in Glendora will also reopen tomorrow, after cancelling classes today as well.

PRINCIPAL PROTEST

July 30, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:14)

KCAL9 reporter Sharon Tay reports live from Carson where parents and teachers are taking a dramatic step to get rid of an elementary school principal. They're staging a sleep-in to get the LAUSD's attention.

HAPPY COLLEGE

July 31, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 0:48)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzalez reports that the pressure of a college workload may be overwhelming at times, but according to a new survey by The Princeton Review, a busy student is a happy student.

SCHOOL LUNCHES/HOT DOG BAN August 6, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 0:51)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reports that some health experts want hot dogs taken off of school lunch menus. Recent studies show one hot dog a day increases the chance of colorectal cancer by 21-percent. A bay area group wants to ban all hot dogs and processed meats in America's schools.

KIDS/HUNGER GENE

August 1, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 0:43)

KCAL9 reporter Sharon Tay reports that British researchers now believe a gene already linked to obesity may be to blame for overeating. They found that kids with a particular strain of the gene couldn't tell when they were full, so they were likely to eat more than children without the gene.

TEACHER BUDGET PROTEST

August 4, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:05)

KCAL9 reporter Juan Fernandez reports that more than a thousand teachers from throughout the state are attending the California Teacher Association's Summer Institute at UCLA. This morning, the teachers staged a mass call-in to urge lawmakers to approve a budget.

STUDENT LOANS

August 10, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:45)

KCAL9 reporter Bianca Solarzano reports that college students are heading to campus in the coming weeks. But for some, back to school shopping has been replaced by a frantic search for an affordable student loan.

STUDENT SAVINGS

August 11, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:56)

KCAL9 reporter Bob McCormick reports that getting students ready for the school year can cost a bundle. He offers some tips on how to save on school expenses.

CALIFORNIA TEACHER LOOPHOLE

August 13, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 0:33)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzalez reports that the state assembly just approved two bills that would close loopholes in California's teacher licensing laws.

UCLA CREATIONISM

August 17, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:39)

KCAL9 reporter Kara Finnstrom reports that there are Christians here in Southern California who say they are being persecuted for their faith, by the UC school system and the courts.

DODGERS CHILDREN

August 20, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:35)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that this afternoon some of the Dodger players paid a special visit to young patients in the 'pediatric unit' at the White Memorial Medical Center near downtown Los Angeles. James Loney said this is better than hitting a home run n.

SCHOOL MURAL

August 24, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:48)

KCAL9 reporter Sharon Tay reports that the children's lunch pavilion at Saint Polycarp Elementary School has been transformed into a jungle of bright colours. It was all the brain-child of a local art student at Cal State Long Beach, and is the first mural for young artist Jeff Foster.

STUDENT LOAN DEBT

August 25, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 reporter Bob McCormick reports that most everyone going to college these days is faced with debt following graduation. Paying back student loans can take years but some fields may offer some relief from the debt burden.

MDA SUMMER CAMP

August 28, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:58)

KCAL9 reporter Lisa Sigell reports that there's a very special summer camp here in Southern California, for kids who are challenged. The focus is on fun, activities and abilities—not disabilities—and the kids had the time of their lives.

PHELPS YMCA CHECK

August 28, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:30)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reports that American gold-medalist swimmer Michael Phelps presented a 20-thousand dollar check to a YMCA in New York. The money will pay for a swimming program for children. His dream is to get more people swimming.

NEW CANCER DRUG

September 3, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:33)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzalez reports that an 11-year-old boy with a brain tumor has new hope today, thanks to an experimental drug. Doctors used Motexafin Gadolinium, which weakened the tumor to make it more sensitive to radiation.

BOY ON BIKE HIT

September 3, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:40)

KCAL9 reporter Sharon Tay reports live from Azusa on a tragic first day of school—a driver struck and killed a boy on his bike. But neighbors there say that more could have been done to protect him.

GREEN DOG HIGH SCHOOL

September 8, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:59)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reports live from Watts, for the first day of school for one of L.A.'s most troubled and lowest achieving high schools. Locke High School aims to go from the bottom to the top as a 'green dot' school, starting today.

PHELPS VISITS BOYS CLUB

September 8, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:12)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Malkoff reports that Olympic champ Michael Phelps made a stop in Southern California, on a campaign to encourage kids to go after their own dreams.

CITIZEN CHILDREN

September 8, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:25)

KCAL9 reporter Thelma Gutierrez reports the story of one girl's ordeal of how she was able to return to this country, legally. She was born a U.S. citizen, but to immigration officials, that didn't matter, and she was still deported.

STUDENT 9/11 FLAG DISPLAY

September 11, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:20)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that a high school student has gone to great lengths to honor the victims of 9/11. Olivia O'Malley raised six-hundred dollars for a stunning tribute which included three-thousand miniature flags.

TAGGER ORDINANCE

September 18, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 0:50)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reports that a Southland 'graffiti crackdown' with a new ordinance goes into effect today. The new rules allow Los Angeles County to sue vandals and their parents to recover the costs of cleaning up graffiti.

TRAIN SCHOOL

September 18, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:34)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Malkoff reports that investigators are focusing on the engineer as they try to find the cause of Friday's deadly Metrolink train crash. Malkoff traveled to a special train school in Sacramento to show us what kind of training engineers receive.

HEAL THE BAY

September 19, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:28)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reports that hundreds of kids took a field trip to the beach in Santa Monica today, to help clean up trash and learn how it gets in the water. Today's "education day" leads up to tomorrow's Heal The Bay Coastal Clean-up Day.

NEW GIRL SCOUTS

September 21, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:21)

KCAL9 reporter Priya David reports that there are about 2.5-million girl scouts in this country, which is approximately one out of every ten American girls. But girl scout troupes are changing and becoming much more diversified.

SAME SEX CLASSROOMS

September 22, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:21)

KCAL9 reporter Kathleen Koch reports that splitting classes by gender is a controversial practice that is in place at more than 150 schools across the country. We take a look at the pros and cons of same sex classrooms.

ROSE QUEENS

September 22, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:39)

KCAL9 reporter Lisa Sigell reports live from Pasadena, where more than a thousand teenagers are hoping their dreams of royalty become reality. They're vying to become part of the royal court of this year's rose parade.

DEBATE WATCHERS

September 26, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:40)

KCAL9 reporter Juan Fernandez reports live from Exposition Park, where USC's Annenberg School hosted a viewing party for the presidential debate.

TEACHER STRIKE

September 28, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:35)

KCAL9 reporter Sharon Tay reports that a teacher strike could be brewing in the Los Angeles Unified School district. This summer thousands of teachers staged a one-hour protest over school budget cuts, and now the head of the Teacher's Union is warning there could be a strike early next year if the District does not give teachers pay raises.

BONE MARROW TRANSPLANT

September 29, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:39)

KCAL9 reporter Carolyn Costello reports that a little boy in New York has overcome a deadly disease thanks to a total stranger. Over the weekend, the child and his bone marrow donor came together for a very special celebration.

RIVERSIDE TB

September 30, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:50)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Greg Mills reports that as many as 200 students in Riverside County may have been exposed to tuberculosis. Health officials are trying to get the word out so people can be screened.

PAY FOR COLLEGE

September 30, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:47)

KCAL9 reporter Kristine Lazar reports live from Duarte where she spoke with some concerned parents at a tuition workshop. With the economy in such bad shape, many people are wondering how they'll be able to send their kids to college.

ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL BREAK-IN September 30, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:40)

KCAL9 reporter Melissa McCarty is live in East L.A. with details on how someone broke into a local high school, and stole a fortune in football equipment.

SCHOOL ELECTION SIGN

September 30, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:20)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that the mix of religion and politics is stirring up controversy at a Florida elementary school. It involves a little girl who's running for student council president, and has signs that read, "Jesus loves you...Lexi for President." Some parents say she should not inject religion into her campaign.

HEALTH & MEDICINE

HEART SCANS

July 1, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:58)

KCAL9's Doctor Sean Kenniff reports a look at the latest developments in heart scans. The U.S. spends more on healthcare than just about any other country. That cost is in part because of new and expensive technology, but new isn't necessarily always better.

MIGRAINE TREATMENT

July 4, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:53)

KCAL9's Doctor Sean Kenniff reports that millions of Americans suffer from migraines. Now, doctors in Britain claim to have a new procedure that can stop the debilitating headaches.

SALMONELLA

July 5, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:05)

KCAL9 reporter Randall Pinkston reports that investigators are widening their search for the cause of a salmonella outbreak that has sickened nearly one-thousand people nationwide. Tainted tomatoes are no longer the only suspects.

HEALTHIEST DRINKS

July 8, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 0:47)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzalez reports that Health Magazine has published a study that looks at the healthiest drinks. Pomegranate juice tops the list because it contains the most of every type of antioxidant. Other great juices include concord grape, blueberry, black cherry and cranberry.

MEASLES OUTBREAK

July 10, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 0:31)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that a measles outbreak is sweeping through California and other states. Health officials say a lack of vaccinations among children is part of the problem.

COLORECTAL CANCER

July 14, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:48)

KCAL9's Doctor Mallika Marshall reports that colorectal cancer is one of the leading cancer killers in the U.S. And while more people are getting screened, the CDC says not enough are getting checked out.

FAT VS. LOW CARB

July 16, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:46)

KCAL9's Doctor Sean Kenniff reports that if you're one of the millions trying to lose weight, you might want to eat fat. A major new study found low carb and Mediterranean-style diets are more effective and in some ways healthier than low fat diets.

GOOD MOOD DIET

July 17, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:25)

KCAL9 reporter Suraya Fadel reports that if you want to feel better, then pay attention to what you put in your mouth. Experts say that what you eat can affect your mood.

TEA HEALTH BENEFITS

July 18, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:40)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that new research shows tea may keep your brain sharp and your body healthy. One study's results suggest four to five cups of tea each day improves attention and focus, keeps brain cells healthy and influences genetics in cancer.

SLEEP STROKES

July 21, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 0:37)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that it's not just too little sleep that appears to increase the danger of a stroke. A new study in the Journal of the American Heart Association finds that women who get too much sleep also have an increased risk.

WEST NILE CASES

July 25, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:34)

KCAL9 anchor Rick Chambers reports that the first human cases of the West Nile Virus have cropped up in L.A. County. L.A. County Health Department confirms that three men and one boy have been diagnosed.

SECOND-HAND SMOKE AND STROKES

July 30, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 0:48)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reports that if you smoke, you could be harming the health of those around you in more ways than you think. Researchers are discovering it could increase their risk of stroke.

<u>OVERTHINKING</u>

July 31, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 0:35)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that if you like to ruminate and think things over and over again, that may not be such a bad thing. A study of nine-thousand Israeli men found that over-thinking family and work troubles may actually keep your brain more stimulated, which could help protect you from dementia in later life.

BLOOD CLENCHING

July 31, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 0:40)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that when you get blood drawn you're supposed to clench your fist a few times, but a new study says clenching could cause the blood to show false high potassium levels.

NIFTY AFTER FIFTY

August 1, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:17)

KCAL9 reporter Suraya Fadel reports live from Lakewood with what is touted as the first public-private enterprise of its kind in the region—a health and exercise facility just for people over 50.

AIDS CASES

August 2, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:42)

KCAL9 reporter Serene Branson reports that there are more AIDS cases in the U.S. than health officials knew. Officials say it's not because the epidemic is getting worse, but because of better blood tests and new methods of tracking patients.

GRIEF SYNDROME

August 4, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 0:36)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reports that psychiatrists now have a name for the unrelenting mourning which affects every one out of ten people who have lost someone close. It's now known as "Complicated Grief Syndrome."

WATER-BORNE AMOEBA

August 5, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:35)

KCAL9 anchor Rick Chambers reports a health alert in Riverside County, after a nine-year-old boy died of an infection from a water-borne amoeba. He reportedly went swimming in Lake Elsinore several times this summer.

OLYMPIC HEALTH

August 8, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:24)

KCAL9 reporter Drew Levinson reports that the Beijing games are the most expensive on record, and also the most scrutinized. One of the concerns for athletes has been the air quality in China.

RUNNING HEALTH

August 11, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:50)

KCAL9 reporter Drew Levinson reports a new reason to lace up your running shoes. A new study found that running can slow down the hands of time, and keep you healthy.

BABY HEART TRANSPLANT

August 13, 4-5p newscast (TRT 1:57)

KCAL9's Doctor Sean Kenniff reports that a new technique for transplanting hearts is raising concerns about ethics. Some doctors are using the new technique to remove donor hearts from dying children, to save the lives of other children.

BLOCKED ARTERIES

August 14, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 0:36)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reports that a new study revealed angioplasty could offer a higher quality of life, from months to a couple of years. But then researchers found that by 36 months, there was no significant difference in health status between the two treatment groups.

FLU ANTIBODIES

August 17, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:40)

KCAL9 reporter Priya David reports that doctors may soon have a new weapon in the fight against the flu, and it comes from an unlikely source: senior citizens, who lived through one of the deadliest pandemics in history.

ALZHEIMER'S

August 18, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 0:55)

KCAL9 reporter Stacey Butler reports that an estimated five-million Americans suffer from Alzheimer's, but health officials say that number could triple over the next few decades.

PASADENA HOSPITAL

August 21, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 0:49)

KCAL9 reporter Cater Lee reports that a rehab center frequented by celebrities is under investigation, after there patients died unexpectedly. It happened in the last five months at Aurora Las Encinas Hospital in Pasadena.

DIABETIC ULCER

August 25, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9's Doctor Mallika Marshall reports encouraging news for people with Diabetes. Many patients are often concerned about foot ulcers, but a new experimental medication could help patients get back on their feet faster.

NECK PAIN

August 29, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:00)

KCAL9's Doctor Sean Kenniff reports that we all experience a little pain and numbness in the shoulders and arms from time to time. It usually goes away on its own but for some, the numbness can be a symptom of a much bigger problem.

BALANCE BILLING

August 30, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:52)

KCAL9 reporter Wyatt Andrews reports that we've heard a lot this election season about the millions of Americans without health insurance, but even people with insurance are being stuck with whopping medical bills. He explains a controversial practice called 'balance billing'.

STAND UP TO CANCER

September 1, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:18)

KCAL9 reporter Stacey Butler reports on a call to stand up to cancer, and help fund cutting-edge cancer research projects. An 11-year-old girl with cancer will be one of the special guests at an unprecedented televised fundraiser.

SPECIAL DIET / RESTAURANT

September 3, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:09)

KCAL9 Ventura County reporter Amy Johnson reports that a new restaurant in Thousand Oaks is a welcome sight for those with special dietary needs. "PizzaSalad" offers gluten-free menu choices, as well as vegan, lactose-free, and low-salt items.

STAND UP TO CANCER

September 5, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 2:03)

KCAl9 reporter Cater Lee reports live from Hollywood with details on the historic event to raise funds for cancer research. There are just a few more hours until the rare T.V. event. "Stand Up To Cancer" will be simulcast on all three major television networks.

HEART WALK

September 11, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:23)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Michele Gile reports that a little Huntington Beach girl is alive thanks to two heart surgeries in the first seven months of her life. It takes millions of dollars to fund the medical research that develops those life-saving procedures.

BREAST CANCER VACCINE

September 16, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:05)

KCAL9 anchor Mia lee reports that there's new hope in the battle against breast cancer. Researchers have developed an experimental vaccine, which they say has successfully eliminated a specific breast cancer tumor in laboratory mice.

LEAD PLASTIC PROBLEMS

September 16, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:42)

KCAL9 reporter Drew Levinson reports that a new study finds a chemical in some plastics could pose serious health risks to you. Now some critics are calling for action.

WHAT'S CLICKING

September 19, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:22)

KCAL9 reporter Rich Demuro reports that sometimes it's hard to find something healthy to eat at the mall. Now, one website tells you what you should and shouldn't eat.

HIGH FRUCTOSE

September 21, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:22)

KCAL9 reporter Kelly Wallace reports that although it makes food taste sweet, many Americans have soured on a commonly-used sweetener. It's called high fructose corn syrup, and some say it's getting a bad rap.

ACUPUNCTURE CANCER

September 22, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:43)

KCAL9 reporter Drew Levinson reports that acupuncture has been around for thousands of years, and now new research shows the ancient art works as well as a drug commonly prescribed to breast cancer survivors. It also does away with bad side effects.

ENGINEER EXCLUSIVE

September 22, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 3:51)

KCAL9 reporter Randy Paige reports our exclusive interview with an engineer who's speaking out. Could long workdays and sleep deprivation have contributed to the deadly Metrolink crash? Some Metrolink engineers are saying it's possible.

KIDS FLU SHOTS

September 24, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 0:35)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention say too few Americans are getting flu shots each winter. The CDC wants to get 30-million more school-age children vaccinated.

L.A. HEART WALK

September 26, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:05)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzalez reports that the 18th Annual L.A. Heart Walk kicks off tomorrow. Ingrid Hrycenko is a 67-year-old former federal judge who has had quintuple bypass surgery, and is a shining example of what can happen if you stay fit.

WATER BACTERIA

September 26, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:41)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Mecham reports a water warning for people in Downey. The city has issued an alert for the next three days after coliform bacteria turned up in water supplies.

ENVIRONMENT

WILDFIRES LATEST

July 1, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:28)

KCAL9 reporter Dan Simon reports that there are more evacuations in Big Sur today as a wildfire expands in the mountains along the central coast. To the north, homeowners remain on edge as dozens of other fires burn dangerously close to their homes.

FIREBALL IN THE SKY

July 2, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:44)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzalez reports that we first brought you the story of a 'fireball' in the sky—dozens of people called police and fire authorities to report it. They say it went down somewhere in the San Bernardino National Forest.

YUCAIPA RIDGE FIRE

July 3, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:39)

KCAL9 reporter Kristine Lazar reports live from Fontana with information on looking at increased fire danger over the 4th of July weekend. A wildfire in Yucaipa took off today, and tonight fire officials are worried about the added danger of fireworks.

GAP FIRE UPDATE

July 7, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:49)

KCAL9 Ventura County reporter Amy Johnson reports that fire crews continue to work around the clock to contain dozens of wildfires throughout the state, and the efforts are paying off.

BEACH WEATHER

July 8, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 2:18)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Michele Gile reports that if you want to escape the hot weather, you may want to head to the beach. But if you do, take a sweatshirt and long pants, because a bank of thick, wet and cold fog has been clinging to parts of the coast for days.

CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

July 9, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 2:00)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reports that 960 square miles have already burned in wildfires across the state—that's half the size of Delaware. Now fire crews are dealing with a heat wave and dangerous winds.

BEACH REPORT

July 11, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:00)

KCAL9 reporter Josh Rubenstein reports that if you're hoping for some fun in the sun this weekend, Josh Rubenstein has our 'beach report card', with what you can expect at the ocean.

OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING

July 14, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:02)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Dave Lopez reports live from Huntington Beach, with reaction to President Bush lifting a long-standing executive ban on offshore drilling. Environmentalists and lawmakers in California are not happy about the move.

MALIBU COASTAL LAWSUIT

July 17, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 0:41)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reports that fire safety concerns spark a lawsuit in Malibu. The Malibu City Council has voted unanimously to sue the California Coastal Commission and its Executive Director. Malibu city officials claim the Commission supported a plan to allow overnight camping without considering the city's concerns about fire safety.

BEACH CLEANUP

July 19, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:26)

KCAL9 reporter Juan Fernandez reports that there's nothing but sand on one Southern California beach, thanks to volunteers who cleaned up today. Heal The Bay organized the cleanup and Playa Del Rey.

CALIFORNIA DROUGHT

July 22, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:31)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzalez reports that it appears California is headed for a serious water shortage. Drought conditions next year could be the worst in California history.

WILDFIRE PROGRESS

July 22, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:40)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzalez reports that the largest fire event in California history is almost over. Just 33 wildfires are still burning in Northern California, down from more than two-thousand. So far nearly 1500-square miles have burned across the state after a dry lightning storm sparked the fires last month.

BEAR ATTACK

July 23, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:25)

KCAL9 reporter Randy Paige reports live from Ontario on how wildlife trackers and game wardens are on the hunt to night for a bear that mauled a woman. It happened as she was walking her dogs yesterday near Caliente, in Kern County.

GOODBYE DOLLY

July 24, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:38)

KCAL9 reporter Kathryn Brown reports that residents are saying goodbye and good riddance to Dolly as the hurricane-turned-tropical depression moves over north Texas after leaving a real mess to the south.

GRIFFITH PARK FIRE

July 27, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:39)

KCAL9 reporter Kristine Lazar reports that thousands had to be evacuated from the zoo, as a brush fire got dangerously close. Tonight, arson investigators believe someone may have started the fire.

YOSEMITE FIRE

July 28, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:50)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that tonight some tourists are clearing out of their campsites at Yosemite National Park, because of a fire burning just west of the park.

JELLYFISH INVASION

August 3, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:30)

KCAL9 reporter Susan Koeppen reports that this summer, beachgoers from Europe to the United States have discovered a jellyfish invasion. The worldwide phenomenon has scientists wondering what's going on.

HOT SOIL

August 4, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:41)

KCAL9 Ventura County reporter Amy Johnson reports that a mysterious hot spot was discovered here in the Southland. The ground has climbed to a temperature of more than 800 degrees. Now firefighters are watching this closely.

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WORMS INVADE

August 7, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 2:17)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reports a story about an investigation of plague-like proportions—an army of army worms, otherwise known as caterpillars. Hundreds of thousands of them have crawled out of the fields and into residential neighborhoods. And some folks in Tulare, California are trying to figure out what to do.

GETTYSBURG TREE

August 11, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:34)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reports that stormy weather is getting the blame for nearly destroying a tree that survived the battle of Gettysburg. High winds and lightning damaged the 200-year-old honey locust, leaving just a small part of it standing.

DRY FIRE DANGER

August 13, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:36)

KCAL9 reporter Serena Branson reports live from Stevenson Ranch with more on how the fire danger is extreme this afternoon. Hot temperatures, dry brush and very low humidity have forced a red flag warning.

GRIFFITH PARK FIRES

August 19, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:46)

KCAL9 reporter Lisa Sigell reports live from Griffith Park where many residents are very worried an arsonist may be on the loose. Tonight, they met to discuss the recent rash of fires, and what they can do to protect themselves.

TUNNEL DRILL

August 20, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:26)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Greg Mills reports live from San Bernardino that a tunnel-boring machine has punched through a wall in the San Bernardino Mountains. This brings a huge water project closer to completion. When it's done in two years, it will carry melted snow to a lake for 'storage'.

HEAVY WEATHER BEACH

August 21, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:29)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reports that despite heavy rains from Tropical Storm Fay, some people still ventured into the water today in Daytona Beach, Florida. Conditions were wet and windy, and the surf was very choppy.

STORM WATCH

August 25, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:25)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Greg Mills reports live from the Cajon Pass with details on how all eyes are on the sky today, as thunderstorms hit some parts of Southern California. At least two small fires were sparked.

SCAFFOLDING COLLAPSE

August 28, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 0:27)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that scaffolding covering a whole city block in San Diego suddenly collapsed this afternoon. 16 people are injured. Fire officials say a wooden walkway alongside a threestory building under construction came down, with 25 people on it.

BEACH REPORT

August 29, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:10)

KCAL9 reporter Kaj Goldberg reports that we've partnered with 'Heal The Bay' to bring you the Beach Report Card. The grades come out every Friday, and we share some of the best and worst each week.

HURRICANE GUSTAV

August 30, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:47)

KCAL9 reporter Wendy Gilette reports as part of our team coverage from New Orleans. Because Gustav could become a Category Five storm, the major of New Orleans has ordered a mandatory evacuation.

GUSTAV

September 1, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:20)

KCAL9 reporter Wendy Gillette reports live from New Orleans with the latest tonight, on how seven deaths are linked to the hurricane, mostly from accidents as people fled from the storm. Gustav came ashore as a Category Two hurricane, but left a trail of destruction, kicking off tornadoes as it moved inland.

BOBCAT INVASION

September 3, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:03)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Lopez reports that to add one more issue to the rising number of foreclosed homes, in some places they have become the playground for wild animals like bobcats.

HANNA FRIDAY

September 5, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 2:11)

KCAL9 reporter Kaj Goldberg reports live in studio with the latest on the storms in the Atlantic. Rain is falling this afternoon along the Carolina coast, as tropical storm Hanna picks up speed. But in Florida, people are keeping their eye on Hurricane Ike.

BEACH REPORT

September 5, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:32)

KCAL9 reporter Kaj Goldberg reports the Friday beach report card, to help if you're planning a weekend beach getaway.

IKE PREPS

September 11, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:46)

KCAL9 reporter Joel Brown reports the latest from Galveston, as Hurricane Ike inches closer to Texas. Residents and emerging personnel are scrambling to get ready. Ike is now a Category Two storm and is gaining strength over the gulf of Mexico.

TROPICAL STORM IKE

September 13, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:10)

KCAL9 reporter Hari Sreenivasan reports from Houston on how tropical storm Ike slammed into Texas and Louisiana overnight as a Category Two hurricane. Tonight, millions are without power or running water throughout southern Texas.

TUESDAY IKE

September 16, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:43)

KCAL9 reporter Susan Roberts reports the latest from the devastated coast. Six more deaths are blamed on Hurricane Ike and its remnant storms. 48 people have now lost their lives.

PELICANS INJURED

September 19, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 2:07)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Lopez reports that nearly a dozen brown pelicans have been found dead or severely injured with their wings snapped on Bolsa Chica State Beach. Now wildlife officials say they want the public's help to stop whoever is doing it.

FIRE SEASON TIPS

September 22, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:04)

KCAL9 reporter Serene Branson reports live from Malibu to explain how it's the first day of Fall and the start of the dreaded fire season.

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L.A. County firefighters want nothing more than for homeowners to be ready, so they've come up with something different: fire expos.

FIREFIGHTING AIRCRAFT

September 28, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:54)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Malkoff reports that L.A. County firefighters say they're ready for fire season, and proving it by showing off their arsenal of new firefighting aircraft. Now they'll have extra help to stamp out the flames from up above.

GORE GREEN SPEECH

September 28, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:10)

KCAL9 reporter Juan Fernandez reports that former Vice President Al Gore says the environmental crisis is just as important as the economic crisis. The Nobel Laureate was the keynote speaker at a conference in San Jose focused on green technology in construction.

WHALE RESCUED

September 28, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:15)

KCAL9 reporter Juan Fernandez reports that a daring high seas rescue 'down under' is caught on tape. Crews in Australia frantically try to free a whale trapped in a shark net.

THUNDERSTORMS

September 29, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:10)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Greg Mills reports live from Wrightwood. In some parts of the Southland, Mother Nature really went to work. Rain and lightning hit some areas this morning.

OC ENERGY HOUSE

September 29, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:42)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Suzie Suh reports live from Anaheim with details on how as energy prices are sky high, an Anaheim family is feeling lucky two times over. They won a home makeover, where everything is energy-efficient.

REUSABLE BAGS

September 29, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:42)

KCAL9 reporter Suraya Fadel reports live from Sherman Oaks to explain how a popular message these days is that plastic bags are bad, while reusable bags are good. But some reusables may be worse for the environment than plain old plastic.

LOS PADRES FIRE

September 30, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:28)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reports that a new wildfire on the central coast is growing quickly, doubling in size and triggering evacuations. 800 firefighters are on the front liens of the blaze in Monterey County. 17-hundred acres have burned.